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TAGS: PFOR, CH, UR

SUBJECT:SINO-SOVIET HELICOPTER INCIDENT:

SOVIETS ASK RED CROSS AID

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1. LATEST SOVIET MOVE IN DRAMA OF DETAINED

HELICOPTER CREW IS MESSAGE TO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS
ASKING IT TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH CHINESE AUTHORITIES
TO PERMIT EITHER SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE OR IRC
REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET WITH CREWMEN. ACCORDING TASS
MAY 16, MESSAGE WAS SENT TO IRC PRESIDENT MARTIN BY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SOVIET RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT,
WHICH HAS OSTENSIBLY RECEIVED NUMEROUS LETTERS FROM
RELATIVES AND OTHERS EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN ABOUT
FATE OF CREWMEN.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS SECOND INDICATION OF SOVIET
EFFORT TO GAIN ACCESS TO CREWMAN. SOVIET AMBASSADOR
TOLSTIKOV WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE DEMAND FOR ACCESS
IN MAY 4 MEETING WITH CHINESE MFA (REFTEL). SUCH
AN APPEAL TO RED CROSS IS UNUSUAL FOR SOVIETS AND IS
A SIGN OF THEIR FRUSTRATION OVER LACK OF SUCCESS IN
BILATERAL CHANNELS.
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